1	2
12. Meghalaya	Studio, Shillong
	Studio, Tura
13. Mizoram	HPT (1), Lunglei
	Studio, Aizwal
14. Nagaland	Studio, Kohima
	HPT (1), Mokokchung
15. Rajasthan	LPT, Salumber
16. Sikkim	HPT (1), Gangtok
17. Tripura	Studio, Agartala
18. Orissa	HPT, Bhawanipatna Studio, Bhubaneshwar (limited facility)
19. Uttar Pradesh	VLPT, Munsiari
	HPT, Bareilly
	LPT, Haridwar (since commissioned)
	Transposer, Mussoorie
	Transposer, Churk
20. West Bengal	Transposer, Tiger Hill
12. Pondicherry	PGF, Pondicherry
22. Andaman & Nicobar Islands	PGF, Port-Blair

Legend :

HPT	High Power (10 KW) Transmitter
HPT (1)	High Power (1 KW) transmitter
LPT	Low Power Transmitter
VLPT	Very Low power transmitter
PGF	Programme Generation Facility

Construction work of high power T.V. station in Kutch, Gujarat

*317. SHRI ANANTRAY DEVSHANKER DAVE : Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the high power T.V. Station in Kutch district of Gujarat is under construction;

(b) if so, whether any time limit has been fixed for completion of this work; and

(c) if not, what are the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING AND PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI P. UPENDRA) : (a) to (c) Establishment of a high power (10KW) TV transmitter with a 300 M high RCC tower is under implementation at Bhuj in Kutch district of Gujarat, as a spill-over scheme of the Seventh Plan. The work for construction of the building and tower for this project was awarded to M/s. Engineering Pro-

jects (India) Ltd. (EPI), a Public Sector Undertaking, in March, 1989 after conducting detailed soil tests through a specialised Agency. The work was, however, suspended by the contractor in November, 1989 after a geological fault was observed during excavation of the tower foundation. Additional tests were carried out and it was decided to shift the location of the tower within the existing site to ensure safety of the tower.

The transmitter equipment for this project has already been ordered on the manufacturers. A project of this magnitude involves a lead time of about 4 years for completion after commencement of works at the site. As per the present indications, the proposed high power transmitter at Bhuj is expected to be commissioned into service during 1993 on construction of the tower.

Multiple-lane express highways

*318. SHRI DINESHBHAI TRIVEDI : Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to build multiple-lane express highways across the country; and

(b) if so, the time-frame for implementation of the same ?

THE MINISTER OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI K. P. UNNIKRISHNAN) : (a) A beginning has been made by taking up the construction of an Expressway between Ahmedabad and Vadodara.

(b) Construction of further expressways in the country will depend on justification of these facilities, position of resources, *inter-se* priority etc. A study has been commissioned to formulate a comprehensive plan for the development of an Expressway network in the country.

Concept of open Government

*319. SHRI SYED SIBTEY RAZI : Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government are committed to the concept of 'Open Government';

(b) if so, the details of the concept in broader sense;

(c) whether Government have so far taken any steps to achieve this concept; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MUFTI MOHAMMAD SAYEED) : (a) to (d) Amendments to the Official Secrets Act, 1923, with a view to providing greater acces to official information and for making the functioning of the Government more open, are being processed. Considerable material has been prepared and studied in groups comprising officials and non-officials, and a Task Force is now proposed to be set up for examining the kinds of information which could be made available by Government and the institutional set up for its dissemination. The Task Force is expected to submit its recommendations whithin threemonths' time.

उत्तर प्रदेश में टेलीविजन नेटवर्क

*320. **डा. रत्नाकर पाण्डेय** : क्या सूचना और प्रसारण मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) वर्ष 1990–91 के दौरान उत्तर प्रदेश में कितने प्रतिशत आबादी को टेलीविजन-प्रसारण की परिधि के भीतर लाए जाने का विचार है ; और

(ख) यह प्रतिशतता अन्य राज्यों की प्रतिशतता के मुकाबले कितनी है ?